(b) whether it is a fact that there was a Proceedings to that effect during the regime of Diwan Mr. Narayana Menon;

(c) if so, why was it departed from?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) There is no such injunction in the State, but there is the restriction that only the smallest number of stamp papers can be used in order to make up the stamp duty required for a transaction.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Heads of Departments.

237. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) how many Heads of Departments there were at the time when Mr. (now Sir) T. Vijayaraghavachariar retired from Cochin service and of whom how many were (a) caste-Hindus, (b) non-caste Hindus, (c) Christians, (d) Muslims and (e) Jews;

(b) how many Heads of Departments there are at present and of whom how many belong to each of the above five classes;

(c) what steps are being taken by the Government to give adequate representation to all communities in Government service without impairing the efficiency of service?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) 26.

(a)	Caste-Hindus	17.
(b)	Non-caste Hindus	Nil.
(c)	Christians	9.
(d)	Muslims	Nil.
(e)	Jews	Nil.

(b) 25.

(a)	Caste-Hindus	20.
(b)	Non-caste Hindus	1.
(c)	Christians	4.
(d)	Muslims	Nil.
(e)	Jews	Nil.

(f) Government are taking all possible steps consistent with efficiency.

Public works—Budgetted but lapsed.

238. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number and nature of items of Public Works budgetted and lapsed for the last 10 years, and which were never undertaken subsequently;

(b) whether they intend to start the works now with a view to minimise the horrors of the harassing depression and if

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